

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)

A water-based ink comprising colored particles, which comprise a dye and a polymer having an acetal group, wherein the colored particles have a core-shell structure composed of comprising a core-phase and a shell-phase.

Claim 7 (Original)

The water-based ink of claim 6, wherein the polymer having an acetal group in the core-phase of the colored particles accounts for no less than 50 weight-% of the total weight of polymer included in the core-phase of the colored particles.

Claims 8-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (New Claim)

The water-based ink of Claim 6 wherein the polymer having an acetal group is a polyvinyl butyral.